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The opponents of controversial presidential adviser Lopez Rega, who was ousted last week from two official posts, are continuing their efforts to assure his complete removal from government.

The former minister yesterday was accused of masterminding the Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance, which reportedly has engaged in right-wing political assassinations. The charge grows out of an army investigation. Late last week, a member of congress called for Lopez Rega's impeachment on similar grounds.

Lopez Rega has long been thought to be behind the Alliance; few persons, however, have dared to accuse him, even indirectly, for fear of violent retaliation. The formal charge seems designed to ensure that recent success in forcing Lopez Rega out of his two important posts—welfare minister and presidential private secretary—is not reversed. Moreover, his opponents seek to make it as difficult as possible for him to influence remaining government officials identified with him. The accusation will also increase the pressure on the President not to continue to rely on him in any fashion.

Pressure on Mrs. Peron is also emanating from members of her party, long dissatisfied with her for excluding them from decision-making and for allowing the party hierarchy to wither. Some dissidents reportedly are seeking to oust Mrs. Peron as the party's chief by electing new leaders.

The dissidents were apparently emboldened by last week's action against Lopez Rega, the man responsible for the exclusion of party leaders from the inner circle. Two of the Peronist movement's top leaders have already quit their party positions in protest. [redacted]

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